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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 03495.0010-17000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARC ALIZON et al.

Divisional Application of

Serial No.: 07/158,652 → 08/177920

Group Art Unit: 1805

Filed: herewith

Examiner: J. Railey

For: DIAGNOSTIC KITS AND METHODS
FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) (as
amended)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please
amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, line 4, delete "The" and insert therefor --This--;
line 18, after "Subsequently", insert a comma; and
delete "have been" and insert therefor --were--;
line 24, after "84 23659" insert a comma;
between lines 27 and 28, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--